

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed 26 March 2010. Claim 19 has been amended. Claims 1-36 are currently pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert E. Bushnell on 6 April 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 18 of the claim, deleted "or an adhesive".

In claim 7, line 11 of the claim, deleted "or an adhesive".

In claim 13, line 11 of the claim, deleted "or an adhesive".

In claim 19, line 10 of the claim, deleted "or an adhesive".

In claim 25, line 16 of the claim, deleted "or an adhesive".

In claim 31, line 13 of the claim, deleted "or an adhesive".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The claim rejections under 35 USC 112, first paragraph for claims 1, 7, 13, 19, 25 and 31 are withdrawn because the applicant has defined interference fit and press fit to be synonymous

with each other in the remarks submitted 26 March 2010. The Examiners Amendment below amends the independent claims to remove the new subject matter of "or an adhesive."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The claim rejections under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cho and Azema for claims 1-6, 13-18, 25-30 are withdrawn. The claim rejections under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashita and Aaltonen et al. for claims 7, 9, 12, 19, 21, 24, 31, 33 and 36 are withdrawn. The claim rejections under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashita, Aaltonen and Azema for claims 8, 10, 11, 20, 22, 23, 32, 34 and 35 are withdrawn.

Reasons for Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record Yamashita, does not disclose, teach or suggest a lead plate press fitted into the aperture of the cap plate or the at least one cavity in an external bottom surface of the can.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARIA J. LAIOS whose telephone number is (571)272-9808. The examiner can normally be reached on 11am-7pm Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dah-Wei Yuan can be reached on 571-272-1295. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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